

## Newfields Conservation Commission (NCC)

### Meeting Minutes for 07/21/08

NCC attendance: A. Watts, L. Carroll, R. Konisky, S. Shope, D. Mason, R. LaBranche

Meeting called to order by A. Watts at 7:05pm

Brian Hart from Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire presented plans for a culvert replacement near agricultural fields on the Coles property. He has filed a Minimum Impacts Expedited permit with NH Dept of Env Services and asked for NCC approval. The 50-yr old existing culvert is failing and rusted. New plans are designed by G. Lang (PE) with culvert at same elevation as old one, but using granite slabs to replace existing pipe. Work is requested to be done in August. R Konisky moved to accept permit application for culvert replacement, D. Mason seconds. All in favor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Vienneau, along with Attorney B Battles, engineer D. Balfour (Jones & Beach) and L. Hurley (Gove Environmental) presented subdivision plans (B. Meserve from Newfields Planning Board also present). A Watts asked about comments from B. Battles about previous meeting deliberations; B. Battles accepted NCC position that no private deliberations had occurred. B. Battles noted interest in addressing NCC questions in letter following NCC meeting on May 19, 2008 and offered a new report of Environmental Impact Assessment July 2008 prepared by L. Hurley.

- L. Hurley described report and noted recommendations to improve wildlife passage with 4' box culverts at all four crossings
- A Watts asked about possible gravel wetland or other engineered solution for large detention area at beginning of cul-de-sac; B. Battles, L. Hurley, D. Balfour agreed to consider this request
- D. Balfour described roughly 25,000 sq ft of planned work in the buffer and took questions about swale design in cul-de-sac and on-lot water detention; may not be able to move swale as it is there to prevent water sheeting across road. Placement of cul-de-sac and possible movement about 25' to northeast was discussed to minimize buffer impacts and this request will be considered.
- B. Battles noted that the subdivision open space will be held by homeowners, who will also need to maintain the water detention basins; language in covenants will be needed for these responsibilities
- L. Hurley was asked about wildlife crossings, and recommended that mulch berms during construction, and permanent Cape Cod berms would be best to allow passage; these will be considered
- A Watts requested that an independent wetland scientist be retained to review the Gove report; B. Battles agreed that might be reasonable if timely and of modest expense and will consider. A Watts made a motion to recommend Mark West (first) or Ellen Snyder (if M West not available); D. Mason seconds; All in Favor.

D. Mason presented Financial Report showing total current balance of \$137, 877.07 as of 6/30/08 for all accounts combined. R. Konisky moves to accept, A Watts seconds approval of report. All in favor.

D. Mason moves accept May minutes with minor corrections; A Watts seconds; All in Favor

A. Watts moves accept Junes minutes with minor corrections; D. Mason seconds; All in Favor

S. Shope presented a summary update of easement monitoring:

- Moore monitored by E Synder and S Shope
- Silverstein monitored by E Synder and L Hill; baseline survey complete
- Daley to be monitored by E Snyder later in July
- Anderson to be monitored by E Snyder later in August
- Cole/Piscassic to be monitored by E Snyder later in August
- Houghton to be monitored by E Snyder later in August

Other:

A Watts announced that the Newfields Planning Board is seeking new members

Next meeting schedule for August 18, 2008

L. Carroll moves to adjourn, D. Mason seconds, All in favor.

Meeting adjourns at 8:40pm.